

Mr. F.C. Bawden,
Rothamsted Experimental Station,
Harpenden,
Herts.

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Dear Mr. Bawden,

In the series of density distribution curves which we have obtained for different strains of TMV we have the rather surprising result that the one which most closely resembles the common strain is Holmes Ribgrass. This naturally causes people to enquire whether the bottles were wrongly labelled. So I wondered whether you would be kind enough to check the identity of our preparation for us by looking at the symptoms it produces - this, I imagine, is the only reliable test for the purpose, and is one which we are not in a position to carry out ourselves.

I enclose a small quantity of the preparation, which was given to us about a year ago by Roy Markham, and which had been stored by him for some years.

I should still very much like to look at Potato X if you ever have any to spare.

Yours sincerely,

Rosalind Franklin.